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Washington State Energy Code Development
Standard Energy Code Proposal Form

Code being amended: ☒ Commercial Provisions ☐ Residential Provisions

Code Section # C403.5.11 & C403.14

Brief Description: Eliminate heating and cooling of the outdoors. Current language as written requires complex controls that would add unneeded cost and allows potential for incorrect Commissioning and setpoints.

Proposed code change text: (Copy the existing text from the Integrated Draft, linked above, and then use underline for new text and ~~strikeout~~ for text to be deleted.)

C402.5.11 Operable opening interlocking. Where any operable openings to the outdoors are larger than ~~40-48~~ square feet in area, such openings shall be interlocked with the heating and cooling system as required by ~~Section C403.13/C403.4.6-~~ Section C403.4.1.6-4.4.

Exceptions:

1. Separately zoned areas associated with the preparation of food that contain appliances that contribute to the HVAC loads of a restaurant or similar type of occupancy.
2. Warehouses that utilize overhead doors for the function of the occupancy, where approved by the code official.
3. The first entrance doors where located in the exterior wall and are part of a vestibule system.
4. Alterations to existing buildings.

~~**C403.14 Operable opening interlocking controls.** The heating and cooling systems shall have controls that will interlock these mechanical system to meet temperatures of 85F for cooling and 55F for heating when the conditions of Section C402.5.11 exist. The controls shall configure to shut off the systems entirely when the outdoor temperatures are below 85F or above 55F.~~

~~C403.14 Operable opening interlocking controls. The heating and cooling systems shall have controls that shut off these mechanical systems when the conditions of Section C402.5.11 exist.~~

~~Exception:~~

1. ~~Hydronic radiant heating and cooling systems.~~

C403.4.1.6 Door Operable opening switches for HVAC system thermostatic control. DoorsOperable openings meeting the minimum sizes per C402.5.11 and that open to the outdoors from a conditioned space must have controls configured to do the following once doors have been open for 5 minutes:

1. Disable the mechanical heating to the zone or reset the space heating temperature set point to 55 °F or less within 5 minutes of the door open enable signal.
2. Disable the mechanical cooling to the zone or reset the space cooling temperature set point to 85 °F or more within 5 minutes of the door open enable signal.

Exceptions: Hydronic radiant heating and cooling systems.

1. ~~Building entrances with vestibules.~~
2. ~~Alterations to existing buildings.~~
3. ~~Loading docks~~

Purpose of code change:

Simplifies control requirements to limit the use of mechanical heating or cooling when large operable openings are opened. Simplest and cheapest method to limit heat/cool of the outdoors is to shut the system off. Requiring more complicated controls to change the setpoints of mechanical systems is unlikely to be setup correctly and opens the possibility of manipulation after the building is occupied.

Your amendment must meet one of the following criteria. Select at least one:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Addresses a critical life/safety need. | <input type="checkbox"/> Consistency with state or federal regulations. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The amendment clarifies the intent or application of the code. | <input type="checkbox"/> Addresses a unique character of the state. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Addresses a specific state policy or statute.
(Note that energy conservation is a state policy) | <input type="checkbox"/> Corrects errors and omissions. |

Check the building types that would be impacted by your code change:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Single family/duplex/townhome | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Multi-family 4 + stories | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Institutional |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-family 1 – 3 stories | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial / Retail | Industrial |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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Economic Impact Data Sheet

Briefly summarize your proposal's primary economic impacts and benefits to building owners, tenants and businesses.

Simplifies controls to limit heat/cool of the outdoors. Less controls configuration for building owners to understand and maintain.

Provide your best estimate of the construction cost (or cost savings) of your code change proposal? (See OFM Life Cycle Cost [Analysis tool](#) and [Instructions](#); use these [Inputs](#). **Webinars on the tool can be found [Here](#) and [Here](#)**)

\$0.00/square foot

Show calculations here, and list sources for costs/savings, or attach backup data pages

Zero cost measure.

Provide your best estimate of the annual energy savings (or additional energy use) for your code change proposal?

[Click here to enter text.](#)KWH/ square foot (or) [Click here to enter text.](#)KBTU/ square foot

Show calculations here, and list sources for energy savings estimates, or attach backup data pages

Unknown.

List any code enforcement time for additional plan review or inspections that your proposal will require, in hours per permit application

This proposal will not substantially impact code review, inspection, or enforcement.